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MEDIA RELEASE

Four Flown to Area Hospitals

The Traffic Enforcement Section is investigating a Serious Personal Injury Collision that occurred on St. Johns Lane north of US Rt. 40. The collision occurred at approx. 8:40 PM on Wednesday, April 9, 2003, directly in front of the home of one of the families involved.

A Geo Prizm was northbound on St. Johns Lane attempting to park at 3300 St. Johns Lane when it was struck by a Chevrolet 1500 Pickup Truck that was traveling southbound on St. Johns Lane. The Geo then stuck a BG&E support post.

The driver of the Geo and two children were flown by MSP Medivac Helicopter to Johns Hopkins Hospital. The driver, James Dampman Sr. 36 yrs old of the 3000 blk St. Johns Lane is listed in Critical condition. His children, ages 8 & 10 are listed in Serious Condition.

The driver of the Chevrolet Pickup Truck was flown to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma. He is identified as Gerald Easton, 39 yrs old, of the 8400 blk. Cotoneaster Drive, Ellicott City, MD. Alcohol use is suspected as an involvement factor related to Mr. Easton.

The collision is currently under investigation by Pfc. Gallina.

